

# UMPQUA NATIONAL FOREST

Outdoor Job Opportunity

**Biological Technician (Plants)**

**GS-404-03, 04, 05 positions**



The Job: Come join us in our “weeds & seeds” plant restoration program! This is a temporary seasonal position with the U.S. Forest Service. Primary duties are control, inventory & mapping of invasive plants along forest roads and trails, and native seed collection. Secondary duties include restoration planting and seeding, general plant identification, data entry, lifting and carrying, habitat assessment, training, and other miscellaneous duties. Invasive plant control will consist of hand-pulling plants, using non-motorized tools to uproot or cut larger plants, and mowing. Herbicides will not be used. The work is primarily physical and outdoors, working in groups of 2-8 other crew members.

Salary: Biological Science Technicians at GS-3, GS-4 or GS-5 levels, \$11.95, \$13.41, or \$15.00/hour, depending on education, experience and available funding. Opportunities to work overtime may be available.

Schedule: Work period is April-October (possibly November), 2012. Work schedule is four 10-hour days per week, plus possible overtime if interested. Students qualifying for the STEP program may work during summer break.

Location: Work will be performed on the Diamond Lake and North Umpqua Ranger Districts, which comprise the watershed of the middle and upper North Umpqua River. Employees will be based at Diamond Lake Ranger Station in the southern Oregon Cascades, 60 miles east of Roseburg, Oregon. Inexpensive housing (\$150/mo) is available. National Forest land surrounds the ranger station, offering outdoor activities such as hiking, mountain biking, camping, boating, fishing, climbing, and hunting. Crater Lake National Park, Diamond Lake, and several wilderness areas are all within 30 miles.

To Qualify: **For GS-3:** 6 months general work experience, plus 1 year of education above high school with a minimum of 6 semester/9 quarter hours in any combination of science or technical courses.

**For GS-4:** 60 semester/90 quarter hours of college, including 12 semester/18 quarter hours in science and technical courses, of which 6 semester/9 quarter hours are directly related to the position (Botany or Plant Sciences); **or** 12 months work experience, of which 6 months are directly related to the position; **or** a combination of the above. Courses in General Botany, Plant Taxonomy, Range Management, Horticulture, Ecology, or related disciplines are desirable. Valid driver's license necessary. See <https://www.avuedigitalservices.com/> for additional qualifications.

**For GS-5:** A 4 year degree in a directly related discipline, **or** the same requirements as GS-4, with 12 months work experience directly related to the position at the GS-4 level or non-government equivalent.

To Apply: Login to Avue; Apply to Vacancy Announcement OCRT-404-3-GENERAL-DT for the GS-3 position, OCRT-404-4-PLANT-DT for the GS-4 position, and OCRT-404-5-PLANT-DT for the GS-5 position. Applicants MUST select Idleyld Park, OR as their preferred duty station to be considered for the position.

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